

We claim:

1. A method of establishing a priority call to a border switch of a wireless telecommunications network comprising the steps of:
 - identifying said priority call with an indication of a priority status;
 - 5 transmitting said indication of said priority status to a last-seen switch of said wireless telecommunications network in which a called station of said call was most recently registered;
 - attempting to complete said call by said last-seen switch;
 - paging said called station in border switches of said last-seen switch;
 - 10 responsive to receiving a positive response to said paging by a terminating border switch, transmitting another indication of said priority status to said terminating border switch;
 - in said terminating border switch, giving priority status to establish said call.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of identifying said priority call comprises the step of receiving a priority indicator as part of the dialed information from a caller of said priority call.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of transmitting another indication comprises the step of transmitting said another indication from said last-
20 seen switch to said terminating border switch.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of giving priority status to establish said call in said terminating border switch comprises the step of entering said call in a separate queue having preferred access to resources required to establish said call.
- 25 5. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of identifying said priority call comprises the step of verifying authorization of an originator of said priority call to place priority calls.
6. A method of establishing a preemptive connection to a wireless called station comprising the steps of:
 - 30 identifying a preemptive call with an indication of preemptive status;
 - transmitting said indication of preemptive status to a last-seen switch of a wireless telecommunications network where said wireless called station was most recently registered; and

responsive to receipt of said indication, establishing a preemptive connection to said wireless called station by disconnecting an existing call to free a radio channel for use to establish said preemptive connection.

5 7. The method of claim 6 wherein the step of identifying a preemptive call comprises the step of verifying authorization of a caller of said call to place a preemptive call.

8. The method of claim 6 wherein the step of identifying a preemptive call comprises the step of receiving an indication of a preemptive request from in dialing information received from a caller of said call.

10 9. The method of claim 6 wherein, if said wireless called station cannot be paged from said last-seen switch, transmitting a preemption request to a border switch which has received a paging response for said preemptive call.

15 10. A method of establishing a priority call from a wireline originating station to a wireless terminating station, comprising the steps of:
said wireline station dialing an indication of indicating a priority call;
checking whether said wireline station is authorized to originate a priority call;
if said wireline station is authorized to originate a priority call, establishing a priority connection to said wireless terminating station.

20 11. The method of claim 10 wherein the step of establishing a priority connection to said wireless terminating station comprises the step of queuing said call in a preferred queue of a terminating switch for accessing said wireless terminating station.